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<u>U.S. Patent No</u>	<u>Entitled</u>	<u>Dated</u>
4,575,818	Apparatus for in Effect Extending the Width of an Associative Memory by Serial Matching of Portions of the Search Pattern	03/11/86

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4,983,958	Vector Selectable Coordinate-Addressable Dram Array	03-06-1990
5,122,984	Parallel Associative Memory System	01-08-1991
5,150,430	Lossless Data Compression Circuit and Method	06-16-1992
5,319,762	Associative Memory Capable of Matching a Variable Indicator in One String of Characters with Another String	09-22-1992
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5,440,753	Variable Length String Matcher	12-13-1994
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5,818,873	Single Clock Cycle Data Compressor/Decompressor with a String Reversal Mechanism	06-17-1997
5,828,593	Large-Capacity Content Addressable Memory	10-06-1998
6,089,453	Article-Information Display System Using Electronically Controlled Tags	10-27-1998
6,295,534	Apparatus for Maintaining an Ordered List	07-18-2000
6,317,819	Digital Signal Processor Containing Scalar Processing of Vector Processors Operating from a Single Instruction	09-25-2001
6,542,989	Single Instruction Having OP Code and Stack Control Field	11-13-2001
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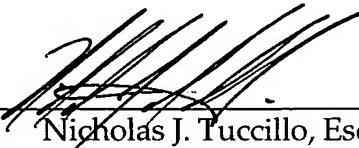
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